

HOUSE BILL 891
By Cooper B

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, relative to mold in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

Section 49-1-219.

(a) The commissioner of education shall establish guidelines regarding mold abatement in public schools.

(b) A task force to aid the commissioner in establishing such guidelines shall be created. The task force shall consist of the following members:

(1) The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair of the task force;

(2) The commissioner of the department of health or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The chair of the state board of education or the chair's designee;

(4) One (1) expert in mold abatement to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(5) One (1) expert in mold abatement to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(6) One (1) expert in the health effects of molds to be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives;

(7) One (1) expert in the health effects of molds to be appointed by the speaker of the senate;

(8) One (1) person appointed by the chair of the education committee of the house of representatives; and

(9) One (1) person appointed by the chair of the education committee of the senate.

Any non-legislative member of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall not be reimbursed for travel expenses.

(c) The task force shall report its findings to the select oversight committee on education no later than February 1, 2004. The guidelines shall be further submitted to the house and senate education committees by March 1, 2004.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.